



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Pentecost 2018

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**St. Sharbel  
Pray for us!**

**Our Services HOLY MASSES**  
**DAILY**: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.  
English

**SATURDAY VIGIL**: 4:30 p.m. English

**SUNDAY**: 9:30 a.m. English  
& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** : 4:30pm

Rosario y la Misa en Español

**Sunday Catechism**

(Classes are Sept – June)

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** 9:30 a.m. & 11:30am

**Youth Mass**

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**READING:**  
2 Corinthians 3:1-6  
**GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-7**

*The harvest is great! Now is the time!*

With these two statements, Jesus appoints the 72 disciples and sends them on a Mission. Surely the disciples were struck by both the enormity of the task and urgency. Jesus describes the assignment. Go to every town and place I intend to visit. The kingdom extends to the end of the earth.

The harvest is great indeed—it is the entire human race. The urgency is unmistakable. “Now is the time—Now is the day of salvation.”

The disciples were to move quickly and unencumbered. “Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; be entirely dependent on others.”



As Jesus sends the disciples He gives them one further instruction. The very first thing they are to do as they enter a house is proclaim “Peace to this household.”

In many places in Scripture the greeting Jesus speaks is “Peace be to you.” In every Mass we receive this greeting and then share it with others.

Just how were the disciples to bring peace to each one to whom they minister? Are we not asked as Jesus disciples to bring peace? What is this peace we offer so nonchalantly? Thomas Merton says: “Christ did not come to bring peace to the world as a kind of tranquilizer. He brought to His disciples a vocation and a task... to struggle in the world of violence to establish peace not only in their own hearts but also in society itself.” Establish peace in our own hearts: that is the first task. And then we can bring peace to all with whom we come in contact. Just how does this come about? It seems to me it means letting go of fear and anxiety. Being totally aware of what we are doing. Being present to the NOW. If we are at peace then our very presence brings peace to others.

*Rev. Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid*

## MIRACLES OF ST. SHARBEL



## MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

1. **Atallah Saeid:** in the beginning of 6th MONTH, he had so many problems; water in the side of his head and heart, hips & feet. He had 33 surgical operations and went into coma. One of his cousins visited St. Sharbel and took a robe for him and asked intercession to St. Sharbel to heal him. when they put the St. Sharbel robe on the unconscious Atallah, he woke up from his coma and now in a perfect health.
2. **Sami Dwau:** got infected with a bleeding on his ears that especially occurs during his sleep. The doctor decided for a surgery. Before the surgery, he went to St. Sharbel and prayed for his ears. In the preparation of the surgery, the doctor found out that operation is actually not needed, that his ears were completely been cured/healed.
3. **Ellie Hashim:** when he was in his mother's womb, he had a bag of hydrocephalus on her head. Her mom went to St. Sharbel's tomb praying for the healing of her daughter. After 2 weeks from her visit, the cyst on her baby's head had disappeared.
4. **Ellie Deib:** is a specialized cancer doctor in the USA. He has been diagnosed with a bad illness causes him to have severe pain in his head and heart. After watching on TV the miracles of St. Sharbel shown in the program "Perfume of Holiness," he prayed to St. Sharbel to him and he got healed.
5. **Marie Mansour:** Mrs. Marie had a very critical accident and broke her spinal cord. The doctors decided to have an operation. She begged for Sts. Sharbel, Rafqa, and Namtallah for healing. They put their fingers on her back and she was cured immediately. The broken bones of the spinal cord were healed.

May His Prayers Be With Us



## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS SENDS AID TO CHILDREN IN PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS

### Voluntary Contribution to United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Holy See announced June 25, 2018, that the Pope is sending a voluntary contribution of \$100,000 to aid Children in Palestinian refugee camps.

The announcement came in an address by Archbishop Bernardito Auza Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations at the UN in New York. The funds will be sent to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

“As long as the plight of the Palestine refugees remains uncertain, there will be a need for UNRWA, whose work continues to be invaluable to the more than five million Palestine refugees who, without the sustained support of the Agency, would be living in even greater despair,” said Archbishop Auza. “

**"SAFEGUARD CREATION.  
BECAUSE IF WE  
DESTROY CREATION,  
CREATION WILL DESTROY US!  
NEVER FORGET THIS!"**

- POPE FRANCIS



The Holy See hopes that, sooner than later, a fair and durable solution to their predicament may be reached, through the resumption of final status negotiations between the interested parties, aimed at reaching a two-State solution, with Israel and a Palestinian State, living side by side in peace and security within internationally-recognized borders.”

## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS TO MARONITE CLERGY: BE A LIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE OF YOUR REGION

Pope Francis on Friday received staff and students from the Pontifical Maronite College here in Rome, telling them that these years of training were the foundation stone of their future as pastors in Lebanon and the whole of the Middle East.

Greeting seminarians and staff on Friday, Pope Francis began by reflecting on the figure of St Maron and invited them to follow the example of this Saint's qualities of faith and love which, he said, were pure sources for today's spiritually thirsty people.

### **Importance of formation**

In his discourse to the seminarians gathered, the Pope warned against “the risk of being absorbed by the culture of the provisional and appearance. He added that these years of study were an opportunity to absorb “the antibodies against worldliness and mediocrity”.

The Pontiff also remarked that these years of formation were like a “Roman gym”, where, he said there was the help of God and staff to accompany them.

### **Lebanon and the Middle East**

Pope Francis noted that those studying for the priesthood at the college were called to live at a time of suffering and dangers, but also in a time full of hope. “The people who will be entrusted to you, he said, disoriented by the instability that unfortunately continues to affect the Middle East”, will look to you as pastors for consolation.

### **Peace and Youth**

During his speech the Pope told those present that he wanted to share two wishes with them, the first being the desire for peace.

Quoting St John Paul II, the Pope expressed the hope that in their land of Lebanon these seminarians would work to ensure that the country would always correspond “to its vocation of being a light for the peoples of the region and a sign of peace that comes from God” .

The second wish, he said, concerned young people, adding that they needed to be accompanied with trust and patience.

Young people, Pope Francis underlined “are the promise of the future, the most serious investment for your ministry.”

In conclusion the Pope entrusted to this Maronite community the protection of **Our Lady of Lebanon** and their great saints.



The Three  
Maronite  
Massabki  
Brothers  
Martyrs at  
Damascus

Feast day  
8th of July



Francis, Abd el Moati and Rafael were brothers, who lived in Damascus, Syria, in a devout Maronite family, known for its piety, wealth, nobility, and compassion towards the poor and the needy.

In the year 1860, when the Muslims in Damascus and the Druze in Mount and South Lebanon attacked and massacred the Christians, our martyrs, along with a large crowd of Christians, took refuge in the Franciscan monastery in Damascus, after the Muslims had set the fire in the Christian neighborhood. In the monastery they were praying and celebrating the mysteries of forgiveness (confession) and Eucharist for the last time.

**“We do not fear  
the one who kills the body...  
a crown is prepared  
for us in heaven.**

**We have our souls...  
and we do not wish  
to lose them.**

**We are Christians and  
we wish to die as Christians.”  
Massabki Brothers**

While Francis stayed alone in the Church, kneeling down before the statue of Our Lady of Sorrow and praying, he was filled with hope. After midnight a band of armed Muslim rioters broke into the monastery. Christians were terrified and confused, some managed to run away, and others hid themselves. The rioters shouted: “where is Francis Massabki? We are after him”. At that Francis approached them audaciously, saying: “I am Francis Massabki, how can I help you?” They told him, that we have come to save you and your family, under one condition, that you become Muslims, or we will kill you all. He answered them: “We are Christians and faithful to Christ we live and die. We do not fear those who can kill the body, as the Lord Jesus said.”

Then, he looked at his brothers and said to them: “have courage and stand firm in your faith, because the crown of victory is already ready in heaven for those who persevere till the end.” At that his two brothers confessed publicly their faith in the Lord Jesus saying: “We are Christians, and we want to live and die as Christians.” Thus their persecutors attacked them, beating them with their sticks, knives and axes. In this manner they were killed, preferring death over denying their faith in Christ, who crowned them as martyrs. That happened in July 10th in the year 1860. His holiness Pope Pius XI had declared them blessed in October 10th, 1926, thanks to the efforts of bishop Bechara Al'Shemali, the Maronite Archbishop of Damascus. May their prayers be with us. Amen.



**BEAUTIFUL FACES & PLACES**

Dear All

We would like to thank Father Nadim Abou Zeid and St. Charbel – Las Vegas Parish, for their generosity and their big hearts full of love. You have made happy and grateful many hearts in our Parish St. George – Al Saoud Dbayeh and many other parishes in Lebanon who ask the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ to pour on you more and more of his graces, happiness and most of all Love, so that you spread Love all over the globe.

Thank you a lot again, Holly Spirit interactive School

St. George – Dbayeh

With great Love ❤️ ❤️ ❤️



# FESTIVAL

## OCT. 12, 13 & 14

[LebaneseAmericanFestival.com](http://LebaneseAmericanFestival.com) 10325 Rancho Destino Rd



Be a Hero & Donate Blood

**Sunday July 22**

9 am – 1 pm Outside of

**St. Sharbel Church**

In their trailer.

**Don't Miss given back to the community**

**BOOK YOUR AGENDA: ST. SHARBEL COMMUNITY LIFE**

- ❖ **Tuesday @ 6 pm:** Healing Prayers, All are Welcome.
- ❖ **United Blood:** Sunday 7/22 @ 9 am – 1 pm located outside of the church.
- ❖ **Registration for First Communion & Confirmation Classes 2018-2019** are in August and classes will start in September. More details to come.

**SAINT SHARBEL'S MIRACLES**

Since the time of His Incarnation, our Lord Jesus Christ, is the source of all miracles as clearly seen in the New Testament. Furthermore, the holy ones **“who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God... and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him”** (Romans 8:14-18). During his life, Saint Sharbel detached himself from earthly things and offered his whole being to God. Since childhood he would dedicate his spare time to prayer, and by the example of his two uncles he was drawn to the monastic life.

He spent 23 years of his life as a lay person, another 23 as a monk and then priest, and the last 23 years of his life as a hermit. He would sleep a few hours a day, spend hours preparing for the Divine Liturgy, work prayerfully in the fields, and immerse himself in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and in meditation on the Lord's word. He lived in poverty, silence, obedience, fast and abstinence. He bore insults and humiliation with love for others.

**Miracles during his life:** God communicated to St. Sharbel at various times influence over animals (locusts, snakes...); he also healed the sick, interceded for a barren woman to conceive, exorcised demons, and was instrumental in the spiritual conversions of others.

**Miracles adopted for the beatification and canonization of Father Sharbel.**

More than 13,000 healing miracles have been reported to date in the records of the Monastery of Saint Maron-Annaya. In addition, there are countless thousands of miracles reported in Lebanon and abroad that do not appear in these records.

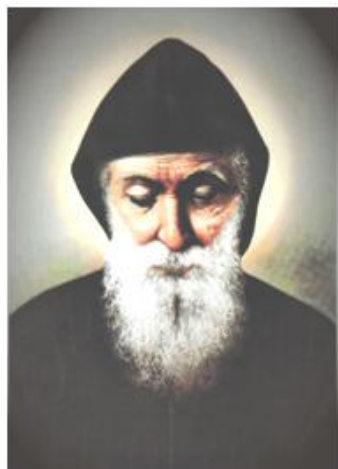
Above all, the grace of a true repentance is the most essential and significant work of the Spirit. The Shrine of Saint Sharbel is considered one of the most important among the international shrines.

In this holy place, sanctified by the presence of St. Sharbel, one witnesses frequently the grace of conversion and repentance and reconciliation with God and the gift of a conscience freed from the burden of sin. Jesus is still alive, healing the wounds of the suffering humanity, forgiving its sins that cause its inevitable death, and giving it eternal life. (“Saint Sharbel From his Contemporaries to our Era”, by Father Hanna Skandar) News and information about the graces and miracles of Saint Sharbel are still flowing to Saint Maron Monastery, in Annaya, where St. Sharbel's tomb is located. About 4.5 million visitors a year come to Annaya in Lebanon to pray and seek the Saint's intercession.

Saint Sharbel is a great intercessor who develops a true relationship with those asking for his intercession with faith and prayer. Many times, this leads to a miracle through God's will.

A great number of miracles have been attributed to Saint Sharbel since his death. The most famous one is that of Nohad El Shami, a 55-year old (at the time of the miracle) mother of 12, who was healed from a partial paralysis [she suffered from a left hemiplegia, affecting her leg, arm and mouth]. She recounts that on January 22, 1993, she saw in her dream two Maronite monks standing next to her bed. One of them put his hands on her neck and operated on her, relieving her from her pain while the other put a pillow behind her back. When she woke up, Nohad discovered two wounds in her neck, one on each side, and was completely healed. The following night, Saint Sharbel said to her in a dream: **“... I cut you by the Power of God so they (the people) could see you, because some people have strayed away from praying, from attending church and from respecting the saints, and you cannot do anything to people! But whoever needs anything from me, I, Father Sharbel, am always present in the hermitage. I ask you to visit the hermitage on the 22nd of each month and attend the Divine Liturgy, as long as you live.”**





## ***Saint Charbel Makhlouf*** ***1828 - 1898***

***Canonized a Saint by  
Pope Paul VI October 9, 1977***



*He was raised in a very devout family which fostered piety and love for God. He was a prayerful youth who from his early years learned to detach himself from worldly vanities. He enjoyed his solitude which he used to pray and think about God.*

*When he was twenty-three years old he decided to leave home to discover his religious vocation as a monk and hermit.*

*The Lebanese Maronite Order was founded in Lebanon in 1695 and approved by Pope Clement XII in 1732.*

### ***Who is Saint Charbel Makhlouf?***

*He was born May 8, 1828 in the little village of Biqa-Kafra which is situated in the high mountains of northern Lebanon. His parents were poor and he was the last of five children. He was baptized with the name of "Joseph".*



*He went to the Monastery of Our Lady of Mayfouk at the north of Jebeil. He stayed there for some time until he was transferred to the Monastery of Saint Maroun at Annaya of the Lebanese Maronite Order. He continued his Novitiate until 1853 when he vowed himself to Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, and choosing the name "Charbel". His vocation was soon to be tested by trial. There were some persons who felt that he did not have a vocation. His mother and certain members of his family decided that he should return home to his family. They begged him to leave the Monastery -- but he refused firmly and persevered in his vocation.*

*Saint Charbel professed his solemn monastic vows. His Superiors decided to send him to the Monastery of Kfifan. He continued to study theological subjects. He was ordained a priest in 1859. After his ordination he was sent back to the Monastery of Saint Maroun in Annaya. Already he was known for his humility and fidelity to his duty. He lived the virtues like an Angel and was heroic through his perfect obedience, poverty and chastity.*

*He spent the next sixteen years of his priestly life at Saint Maroun's. His Superiors discerned that he had the vocation to live the life of a hermit which he so ardently desired. His mortification and self-denial were an edification to all. Consequently, in 1875 Saint Charbel moved into the hermitage of St. Peter and St. Paul located on the property of the Monastery about one mile away.*

*Saint Charbel had the vocation from God to live his religious life as a hermit. The purpose of religious life is the sanctification of one's soul through faith, hope and charity. It is no different for the hermit. The means are prayer, manual work, fasting, and detachment from oneself. All of this to an heroic degree. For twenty-three years, Saint Charbel lived the life of a hermit until he died on December 24, 1898..*

### ***Devotion to the Holy Eucharist and to the Mother of God***

*Saint Charbel was a priest for 39 years during which he celebrated the Holy Mass every day. He took a long time to prepare for Holy Mass; and afterwards he remained in thanksgiving for as long as two hours.*



***SPIRIT DAILY****From 'The Best of the Spirit of Medjugorje':*

I felt prompted to send you the following story since tomorrow is St. Charbel's feast day. This story is from The Best of "The Spirit of Medjugorje" Volume II.

**I'm Here Waiting For You Every Day****By Jane Monica Spurrier.**

In 1987, on my third trip to Medjugorje, I purchased a book about Modern Saints by Ann Ball, and therein was a story about St. Charbel. I loved him instantly and discovered, lo and behold, he was canonized on my birthday, October 9th. I lived in New York City at the time and my church was Notre Dame on the upper west side by Columbia University. Daily Mass was said in the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes each day at 8 A.M. One particular Saturday I woke up late, and was so hungry I ate my oatmeal.....but didn't leave myself enough time to fast before Communion. I kept praying, "Oh Jesus, what miracle could allow me to receive You" since I knew I needed one hour of fast time. This kept on, and when the Consecration occurred I did not have the required one hour to receive. During this time a rather odd looking old man entered the side door. He was dressed like a monk but didn't look like our Franciscans, and I was rather annoyed by his appearance since I thought he was some psychotic New Yorker. After Mass ended, I stayed in the grotto to pray. I noticed to my right I could see into the Sacristy and there was the priest who just said Mass changing out of his vestments and the "odd" looking monk changing into vestments. The little monk was coming out to say Mass! We never have a second daily Mass, but this visitor was going to say one and this would give me the chance to receiving Our Lord! I was overjoyed. During the Mass the monk was praying in a language I didn't understand. It wasn't Latin, because I know Latin, but I couldn't decipher what language it was. After Mass I stayed in the grotto to praise Our Lord and thank Him some more for sending the stranger to say Mass. I was the only one there and during the Consecration the monk looked at me and his eyes said, "Do you want to receive?" I eagerly nodded back "Yes!" We both could understand each other without saying a word.

***St. Sharbel spent his last hours in his celebrating Mass until his death on Christmas Eve***

When Mass was over, I went in to thank the pastor (the first priest who said Mass and functioned as the altar server for the monk). I said, "Father, you don't know what a great miracle this was, that I got to receive Communion!" The monk smiled with a look of abundant joy, happiness and humor - the look of someone who laughs a lot and is very happy. The pastor didn't seem to get my point. The next day I went back again. I saw the pastor and couldn't stop telling him what a great miracle it was for me. Then I said to him, "Father, by the way, who was that priest?" "I don't know," he replied, "I never saw him before." I couldn't believe my ears! What priest would allow another one to say Mass without knowing who he was? Several months went by. I opened my book of Modern Saints again. I turned to St. Charbel and honestly, almost had a heart attack when I saw his picture. HE WAS THE MONK!!! He had appeared to say the Mass for me. Can you imagine? I later found out he has appeared numerous times since his death. I was glad I didn't know at the time who he was or I would have had a stroke. St. Charbel had a great devotion to Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. Anyway, I haven't seen him since, but I know there is a picture of him in Charlie's store in Medjugorje. I've asked those brothers to sell me the picture, but they declined because it was a gift given to them. I thought the miracle of St. Charbel was so awesome and then today a voice inside of me said, "But I'm there waiting for you in the Eucharist everyday, to show you how much I love you. I sent Charbel so he could carry Me to you.....that's how much I wanted to receive you too." Jesus waits for us every day in the Mass. He performed the greatest miracle on earth when He created the Eucharist. A small piece of bread, blessed, transformed into HIS presence, waiting for us. The graces we receive at Mass are incalculable. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Jesus in person... "The Lord bless you, and keep you! The Lord let His Face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:24-26)

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[www.spiritofmedjugorje.org\\_](http://www.spiritofmedjugorje.org_)

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***St. Sharbel Prayers, Novena Booklet,***  
***& Healing oil***

***are available at***  
***the St. Sharbel Grotto & Church Office.***



## SAINT SHARBEL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### TRAGEDY AND THE AFTERMATH

It is hardest to believe in God when your whole world is literally washing away. Faith is easy when life is easy. It's easy to believe in an all-good and all-loving God when life is all good and your income is higher than your bills and your car runs smoothly. People don't come and talk to me at the parish when life is good. They come when life is falling apart.

I routinely talk with adults who are angry with God because they lost their job or are going through a divorce or experiencing a loved one's death. They are hurting because life hurt them, and hurt them hard, and so grasping outward in desperation they knock on my office door and through bitter tears tell me what's wrong. And then they ask the million-dollar-question: "WHY?"

My job in the parish is not to explain away the hurt with theological answers and doctrinal statements. My job is not to answer the question "Why?" My job is the exact opposite. I help them enter into the pain, to confront it, to even embrace it, but the key thing is I do not let them do it alone. It is hard to trust God when your home is filling with water.

Hurricane Harvey dumped a good 3 trillion gallons of water on my hometown of Houston, Texas, in the span of 4 days. 4 million people in the city limits and 6.5 million if you count the surrounding suburbs, were afflicted with intense and unending rain, flooding, and the wind.

When the hurt piles up and your mind feels like it's being shaken to pieces, the single most important thing you need at that moment is a clear sign of hope and some semblance of support. People who were three days without power, running water or toilet paper saw the Adore Ministries van as a beacon brighter than the sun. Handing pregnant moms cold bottles of clean water made me feel like the most pro-life person who has ever lived, more than any political rally ever has. Coming back two hours later with even more supplies made me feel more like a Christian than ever before. The desperate man sitting in my parish office, or the neighbor recounting her horror story of evacuating at 2:00 AM, or the Adore missionaries giving toilet paper and baby formula to impoverished mothers all share one thing in common: Christians are going to walk them out of whatever Hell they are going through.

Pope Francis calls it "accompaniment." Pope St. John Paul II called it a "spirituality of communion." Followers of Christ do not run from the suffering of others. We give ourselves.

Our task as Christians is not to solve someone's hurt, but to remain with them and "weep with those who weep," as Paul says. We could not prevent the tragedy but we will not abandon people to it. We walk along side those suffering to take them from Good Friday through the silence of Holy Saturday and, ultimately, into Easter Sunday resurrection.

When news outlets report on the "aftermath" of a natural disaster they will talk about it in economic costs and statistics. There will be tallies of the loss of life and injuries. There will be interviews that practically exploit people's suffering for ratings. But for Christians, the aftermath is only measured in newly formed friendships.

This accompanying is the mission of Christ crucified. He entered into absolute solidarity with sinners, while himself not sinning. He experienced our condition and our suffering but did not leave it there. Jesus redeemed suffering itself. He entered the suffering we feel so that we would know that we never suffer alone.



The cross is God's pledge of solidarity with the sinner. Yet God's pledge is transformative. He took our sin and gave us His grace instead. "Though He was rich for our sake He became poor so that by His poverty, we might become rich."

The aftermath of a tragedy like Hurricane Harvey is that a lot of Christians start immediately giving away their money, possessions, and time so that those who are afflicted can begin hoping for restoration. Sacrificial giving mirrors the self-emptying love of Jesus Christ.

The world gives out of its surplus. It lives by the motto: "Give until it hurts". Then it stops giving. The truly Christian idea is to give until it hurts, and then keep on giving. Mother Teresa said if we keep giving then soon there will be no more hurt, only love.

It is hardest to believe in God in the midst of pain and suffering, but it is life-altering to find God in the midst of pain and suffering. And it is even more profound to find God's people in the midst of your pain and suffering, especially when they are voluntarily entering into your suffering and taking on your pain so you don't have to walk alone. We bear one another's burden and so fulfill the law of Christ. Self-emptying love is the gospel and should be the aftermath of every tragedy our neighbor experiences.



### **Michael Gormley**

Michael has traveled all over the world preaching the Gospel to teens, college students, young adults, and even parents using humor, knowledge and the grace of the Holy Spirit. He has done it all and seen it all, all while raising 4 kids with his beautiful wife Shannon.

Find out more about Michael and his ministry at [LayEvangelist.com](http://LayEvangelist.com)

# FILIPINO NEWS

## NEW BISHOP DAEL DINES WITH POOR AFTER ORDINATION

After his episcopal ordination, Bishop Raul Dael has chosen to dine with the city's often overlooked population: the poor and the homeless.

Dael was ordained bishop Thursday at the Saint Augustine Cathedral then moved to a nearby park as poor people gathered for a meal held by the archdiocese.

The new bishop of Tandag had wanted to hold the reception at the Gaston Park outside the cathedral "where the poor are not considered as gatecrashers".

Dael's soft spot for the less fortunate is understandable, having been raised from a poor family in Jasaan, Misamis Oriental.

The Latin phrase "Duc in altum" (cast out into the deep), in Dael's coat of arms, re-echoes the call of the Church to evangelize the people, especially the marginalized sectors of society.

In his thanksgiving message, he pointed out that the poor are "part of the banquet of the Church".

"It is good to realize that, most often, it is the poor who feeds the Church," said Dael. "How I wish that this cathedral has no pillars and walls so that I can see people outside—people touched by the mystery of God."

At one point of his speech, he shared that, during his childhood days, he would use the five peso birthday gift from his mother to buy "pan de sal" for the whole family instead of spending it for himself.

"I remember my mother every time I celebrate my birthday," he added, honoring his deceased parents.

More than 2,000 people, including the clergy, nuns and local government officials attended the ceremony rite led by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila.

Dozens of other bishops also graced the occasion including Cardinal Orlando Quevedo of Cotabato and Archbishop Romulo Valles, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

Pope Francis appointed Dael as bishop of Tandag on Feb. 26, replacing retired Bishop Nereo Odchimar who served the diocese for 17 years.

Prior to his episcopal appointment, he has been serving as the Vicar for the Clergy of the Cagayan de Oro archdiocese.

On June 14, Dael will be officially installed as the third bishop of Tandag in Surigao del Sur, located approximately 300 kilometers east of Cagayan de Oro.



***Bishop Raul Dael of Tandag dines with a street child at a public park after his episcopal ordination at the St. Augustine Cathedral in Cagayan de Oro City, June 7, 2018***

## VATICAN APPROVES PROCESS TO MAKE ARCHBISHOP TEOFILO CAMOMOT A SAINT

The Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints has approved the diocesan process for the cause of sainthood of the late Cebuano Archbishop Teofilo Camomot who was known for his extreme generosity and love for the poor.

In a letter addressed to the Cebu Archdiocese dated Nov. 9, Angelo Cardinal Amato said the inquiries and affidavits of witnesses gathered by the archdiocese on the life, virtues, and holiness of Camomot were valid and legitimate.

Amato is the prefect of the congregation that oversees the complex process that leads to canonization. Archbishop Teofilo Camomot (Photo from his Facebook page)

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Fr. Mhar Vincent Balili, vice postulator of Camomot's cause, hopes to begin the next step of the process, which is to prove that the late archbishop possessed heroic virtues that will give the bishop the title "venerable."

"We're very happy that the congregation approved what we are doing. We were not asked to change anything nor add something to it. Everything is good," Balili told the Inquirer.

According to him, the diocesan process includes gathering of documents and writings of Camomot as well as the testimonies of witnesses who had personal encounters with the archbishop.

"The first stage involves the creation of a tribunal, the theological committee, and the historical committee. The tribunal gathered the testimonies of witnesses. The historical committee gathered all the writings which was analyzed by the theological committee," he explained.

Balili said they ended the diocesan process last March and submitted everything to Rome in April.

"We got the results this month. That means, it took seven months for the congregation to approve it. Seven months is very, very fast already," he said.

Balili is on top of the cause of sainthood for Camomot. He collaborates with the Rome-based postulator Fr. Samson Silloriquuez. The next part, he said, would be the preparation of the Positio, which would summarize the life and virtues of Camomot. The Positio includes the biography of Camomot, the testimonies of witnesses, and explanation why the late archbishop should be declared a saint of the Catholic Church.

When the Positio is finished, it will be submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. It will be studied by theologians and then passed to the cardinal members of the congregation who in turn will vote.

Their votes will determine whether the cause will continue or end. If the vote is affirmative, the recommendation of a Decree of Heroic Virtues is sent to the Pope.

Once the candidate's heroic virtues have been recognized by the Pope, Camomot will be called "venerable."

"From there, we wait for one miracle so that he will become a blessed. And once he become a blessed, we will wait for another miracle to become a saint," Balili said.

Balili called on the people to keep praying for the cause of sainthood of Camomot.

"We also ask the people to disseminate information about the sanctity of Archbishop Camomot so that more people will pray and receive favors through his intercession," he said.

It was the Daughters of St. Teresa, a religious congregation which Camomot founded, which earlier petitioned for the opening of a cause for beatification and canonization of the Cebuano archbishop.

On Oct. 15, 2010, Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, then the archbishop of Cebu, announced that the Holy See had approved the opening of the cause for Camomot's beatification and canonization. A diocesan inquiry was then made.

Since the cause for sainthood was started for Camomot, the late archbishop has been called a "Servant of God."

Camomot, fondly known as Monsignor Lolong, was known for his exceptional love for the poor.

In some instances, the Carcar City native pawned his episcopal ring and pectoral cross (the large crucifix worn by bishops) and gave the proceeds to the poor. The archbishop would also give away whatever he had to the needy.

Camomot died in a vehicular accident in San Fernando town on Sept. 27, 1988. He was 74.

The Archdiocese of Cebu ruled that the heroic virtues demonstrated by Archbishop Camomot are worthy of sainthood.

If his cause for sainthood will be approved by the Pope, Camomot will become the Philippines' third saint next to San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and San Pedro Calungsod — both lay persons.



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